

# ***TOWN OF STOW***

***County of Middlesex  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts***



*Established as the Plantation of Pompositticut, 1669*

*Incorporated as a Town, May 16, 1683*



*Land area given to seven surrounding towns*



*Area today 17.94 Square Miles*

*11,311.4 Acres Land; 167 Acres Water*

*11,478.4 Acres Total*



*Longitude:71<sup>0</sup>    Latitude:42<sup>0</sup>·26'*

*Altitude (above sea level) at Town Hall: 231 feet*



*Population per 2000 Federal Census: 5902*

*Population per 2008 Stow Census: 6,611*



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS CALENDAR

Affordable Housing Partnership	As needed
Agricultural Commission	As needed
Ancient Documents Committee	First & third Fridays, 10 a.m., Nov-Jun
Assabet River Rail Trail Committee	As needed
Assessors, Board of	Monthly, date varies
Cable License Advisory Committee	As needed
Capital Planning Committee	As needed
Cemetery Committee	Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Community Preservation Committee	Second & fourth Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	First & third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Council on Aging	Second Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
Cultural Council	As needed
Elementary School Building Committee	Monday, at least twice a month, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	Second & fourth Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Historical Commission	First Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Health, Board of	Monthly, date varies
Housing Authority	As needed
Lake Boon Commission	As needed
Land Use Task Force	First & third Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Local Access Cable Advisory Committee	Monthly, date varies
Master Plan Committee	Monthly, date varies
Medical Reserve Corps	As needed
Minuteman Regional School Committee	Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington
Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	First & third Mondays, 7 p.m.
Nashoba Regional School Committee	First & third Thursdays, 6 p.m., Bolton
Open Space Committee	As needed
Planning Board	Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Randall Library Trustees	Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Library
Recreation Commission	Monthly at 6:30 p.m., date varies
Selectmen, Board of	Second & fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	First Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings held at Town Building unless otherwise noted. This calendar is for reference only. Official meeting notices are posted on the town bulletin board at Town Building and with the Town Clerk.



## **TOWN DEPARTMENT TELEPHONES**

Emergency: Ambulance, Fire / Rescue, Police    DIAL 911

Animal Control Officer	978-897-2784
Assessors, Board of.	978-897-4597
Building Department and Inspectors	978-897-2193
Cemetery Committee.	978-461-1403
Conservation Commission	978-897-8615
Council on Aging	978-897-1880
Fire / Rescue Department business	978-897-4537
Health, Board of.	978-897-4592
Highway Department	978-897-8071
Inspectors: Gas, Plumbing, Wiring	978-897-2193
Minuteman Regional High School	781-861-6500
Nashoba Regional School District	978-779-0539
Center School	978-897-0290
Hale Middle School	978-897-4788
Nashoba Regional High School	978-779-2257
Pompositticut School	978-897-5774
Planning Board	978-897-5098
Police Department business	978-897-4545
Randall Library	978-897-8572
Recreation Commission	978-461-1411
Selectmen, Board of	978-897-4515
Stow TV Office	978-897-7732
Town Accountant	978-897-5012
Town Administrator	978-897-2927
Town Clerk	978-897-4514 x1
Treasurer-Collector	978-897-2834
Tree Warden	978-897-8071
Veterans' Services Officer	978-562-6630 (H)

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# FIFTY YEARS AGO

## Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee has conducted several meetings with the various town committees and department heads and have considered the integral parts of the Town budget for this year.

The total of the budget for this year is \$28,711.50 higher than the total of the budget of last year and we do not have at this time any Free Cash to apply to this to reduce taxes for this year. It is therefore a forgone conclusion that we will have to raise more money by taxation in 1959. This means that if there is not enough new taxable property that either assessments or the tax rate will have to be raised.

We would like to call your attention to our recommendation for Article Twelve where we have recommended \$2,000.00 for re-roofing the Town Hall. We do not feel that the other suggested renovations are imperative at this time.

It should be noted that the school budget accounts for the increase in the total budget and that the reason for this increase is due mainly to teacher salary increases.

It is deemed necessary to borrow a large sum of money this year as in the past few years, in anticipation of revenue. Ten years ago this was not necessary. We take the liberty to quote from the Finance Committee report of 1949 so as to show conditions at that time.

"Our town, yours and mine, is one of the best small towns in the state in more ways than one; **it is debt free**, it is clean and it is a healthy place to live. There are very few of us who are free of debt, so bear in mind that in raising our recommendations you are putting a double debt on yourselves in taxes."

### SUGGESTIONS

The Committee feels that it is necessary to have new and proper zoning laws and a building code. These have a great bearing on finance and tax revenue to the town.

It is suggested that the Zoning Board of Appeals make proper charges to applicants for hearings before that board. This will help to make that board self-sufficient.

It is further suggested that all town officers, committees and department heads make a sincere effort to reduce expenses and curtail new expenditures as much as practicable.

We wish to thank all of the Town officials and department heads for their kind cooperation and assistance during the year.

ALBERT B. DRECHSLER,  
ARTHUR W. TREFRY,  
RICHARD D. CHARNOCK.

# 1958 TOWN REPORT

## Selectmen's Report

One of the significant changes that is taking place within our town is the "maturing" of the functions of town government. The old established methods of procedure are no longer satisfactory in the present day and time. Much closer cooperation between the various boards is now necessary in order that records and procedures can be coordinated and standardized. These facts are obvious to the boards and are being dealt with as they become evident.

The new accounting system is working in a very satisfactory manner after a full year's operation.

Building permits issued during the past year totalled 23 as compared to 9 in 1957. This seems to indicate a healthy, but controlled, growth.

Your town hall was subjected to some major renovation work during the past year and we feel that the results are self-evident. Your board will make further recommendations for repairs for the coming year. This will be explained at the town meeting.

A second section of Hudson Road was completed under Chapter 90 construction during the year. In the present warrant we are recommending the completion of Hudson Road and a possible start on Sudbury Road under this chapter.

In conclusion, we wish to point out the need for the services of civic minded people in the administration of the town's business. If any citizens of the town feel that they would like to take an active part in civic affairs, we urge them to come forward and present their qualifications and desires so that they may be put to use for the good of the community.

ALVIN M. LITCHFIELD,  
ROBERT P. BIRD,  
JOHN K. WRIGHT,  
Selectmen of Stow.